

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A cup seal received in a concavity and allowing a slidable member to pass therethrough, said cup seal comprising:

an annular base portion extending radially,

an annular inner lip extending axially from an inner peripheral side end of the base portion such that the slidable member is slidably inserted through the annular inner lip, and

an annular outer lip extending axially from an outer peripheral side end of the base portion to contact with a bottom wall of said concavity such that the outer lip can be spaced apart from the bottom wall, wherein the cup seal has a laterally-facing U-shaped section,

wherein the base portion includes base side fluid passage grooves extending radially to allow communication between an outer peripheral side and an inner peripheral side of said base portion, and

the inner lip includes lip side fluid passage grooves extending radially to completely penetrate therethrough to open at a front end of said inner lip, and

the annular inner lip is longer than the annular outer lip in an axial direction of the cup seal.

2. (Original) A cup seal as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base side fluid passage grooves are designed to have such a width not to collapse said base side fluid passage grooves when hydraulic fluid flows through said base side fluid passage grooves.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A cup seal as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inner lip is formed to be thicker than that of said outer lip.

5. (Previously presented) A master cylinder comprising:

- a cylinder body having a cylinder bore,
- a piston which is slidably inserted into said cylinder bore and defines a fluid pressure chamber,

- a communication path which is formed in said cylinder body and communicates with a reservoir,

- a relief port which is formed in said piston, always communicates with said fluid pressure chamber, and allows communication between said communication path and said fluid pressure chamber, and

- a sealing member which is received in a concavity formed in an inner periphery of the cylinder bore of said cylinder body and into which the piston is slidably inserted so as to seal between an inner peripheral surface of said cylinder bore and an outer peripheral surface of said piston,

wherein communication between said communication path and said relief port is allowed when the master cylinder is inoperative, and the communication between said communication path and said relief port is isolated by movement of said piston when the master cylinder is operative,

said sealing member is composed of a cup seal as claimed in claim 1, and said base side fluid passage grooves communicate with said communication path.

6. (Original) A master cylinder as claimed in claim 5, wherein a space allowing communication between said relief port and said communication path via said base side fluid passage grooves when

the master cylinder is inoperative is formed between said cup seal and said relief port.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A cup seal as claimed in claim 1 ~~claim 7~~, wherein the lip side fluid passage grooves are formed in a portion of the annular inner lip extending axially beyond the annular outer lip.